

North Shore ARES Notification #8 - Nor'easter / Ice Storm 12/11-12/12/08

OVERVIEW - Updated

This quick update is to remind all ARES volunteers that North Shore ARES remains on stand-by activation status by KB1KQW and KA1NCF effective 00:00 on Wednesday after having been activated since 12:30 on Friday 12/12.

The resource net has been terminated, and will return only if deployment requests look imminent. There was one potential case for ARES support on Friday, however this was not required as the situation resolved itself and we remain on stand-by status.

The first of two winter storms impacted the region on Friday bringing a widespread 7-10 inches with a few higher amounts. Minor damage was reported with a tree down on a phone line in Salem and power outages in Revere.

The second storm will impact our area on Sunday bringing a few more inches of snow, however this snow will be heavier and wetter. This type of snow can cake on to trees and power lines causing power outages and other damage. The snow will change to a period of rain before ending, when the temperatures will drop rapidly causing a flash freeze. There is the potential for minor coastal flooding at the times of high tide. Finally and most importantly, we need to be on the watch for strong to possibly damaging wind gusts Sunday evening which may further cause damage and power outages across the region, especially with the snow caked onto the infrastructure.

SKYWARN will be active Sunday morning around 8-9am for the threats across the region. It is due to this forecast that we anticipate on remaining in stand-by status through Monday, December 22nd.

The rest of Eastern Massachusetts ARES remains on stand-by status now effective through Monday evening 12/22/08 and is subject to review over the next few days, weather and resource permitting. Please see ares.ema.arrl.org for further information on that as well as through messages issued to this e-mail list.

TIMEFRAME OF ACTIVATION / FREQUENCIES - Updated

North Shore ARES has returned to stand-by status effective 00:00 Wednesday and this is expected to last through Sunday or Monday evening. SKYWARN activations on the 145.470 Danvers repeater are likely so please pass your weather related criteria on to net control. The 442.800 Danvers Repeater may be used as an alternate, and the Salem repeater may also be utilized should the Danvers sites be unavailable.

We are hope to secure the entire activation on Monday providing no further requests come in this weekend. This is, as always, subject to change.

Deployment instructions will only be provided by e-mail if additional deployment becomes necessary. Please DO NOT SELF DEPLOY and do not deploy without this written message. We anticipate on remaining in an ARES Stand-by mode through Monday, however this is subject to review over the next few days.

Please continue provide pictures of storm damage and recovery operations through email at pics@nsradio.org.

STORM / EVENT INFORMATION - Updated

The first of two winter storms impacted our region on Friday with 7-10 inches of snow and a few locally higher amounts. A second storm will impact the area on Sunday with a wide variety of weather hazards. There is the potential to receive several inches of snow, however this is subject to change. This snow will change to rain later in the day, only to be followed by rapidly dropping temperatures causing everything to freeze up. The snow will be a heavy, wet snow caking to power lines which may cause some tree/power line damage. There is the possibility of minor coastal flooding at the time of high tide. Finally and most importantly, strong to damaging winds may occur behind the storm Sunday evening further causing damage across the region.

Please continue to monitor forecasts issued by the National Weather Service for further information at www.weather.gov/boston or www.weather.gov/gray.

SKYWARN activation took place on Friday for the snow storm and is likely to take place by 8am Sunday and lasting through the day due to the snow/rain/ice/wind threats.

If you have any photos of the damage or recovery operation, please forward them to pics@nsradio.org.

AGENCY SUPPORT - Updated

No further requests for support have been received. At this time, we have not been contacted by Red Cross chapter officials for damage assessment operations.

While imminent support is not likely, we will still continue to collect availability for any potential operations that may arise. Please continue to monitor your email and the Danvers 47 Repeater for further updates as they become available. Deployment instructions will only be provided by e-mail if additional deployment becomes necessary.

If weather conditions exacerbate the situation in the central and western parts of the state through the Merrimack valley, it is possible ARES support may again be requested.

Remember, if you have any pictures of the recovery operation please e-mail them to pics@nsradio.org.

REQUEST FOR AVAILABILITY

North Shore ARES remains in stand-by mode, and we are still collecting a list of resources in case additional deployments are required. Please let us know if you are available through Monday morning, along with specific times and means to contact you. Remember, please **DO NOT SELF DEPLOY!** It is just as high an honor to submit your readiness as it is to work in the field.

Please send your availability to ares@nsradio.org or report to the 47 repeater and we will add you to the list.

CALL TO ACTION

Please continue to send your availability to ares@nsradio.org or check in with the ARES representative on the 145.47 Danvers repeater.

SKYWARN activation will occur Sunday morning through the evening for snowfall amounts and any potential damage.

SUMMARY

- * North Shore ARES has returned to stand-by mode in the event further requests for assistance are required.
- * Pictures of damage or the recovery operation are requested by FEMA from this event, please send to pics@nsradio.org

The next update to this message will be issued by Monday, time and information permitting.

Please forward this message on to any interested parties that may be able to provide support.

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